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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
and
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
for
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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR, 1962.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Wardle Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your district during 1962.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

(i) Area in Acres	3,193
(ii) Population 1961 Census	4,611
Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population, 1961	4,400
(iii) Number of inhabited houses at end of 1961 according to the rate book	1,444
(iv) Rateable value	£59,261
(v) Sum represented by a penny rate	£243
(vi) <u>Industries</u> - The chief industries carried out in the area are:- cotton, silk and rayon weaving, wallpaper and plastic manufacture, leather processing, light engineering and moorland sheep farming.	
(vii) <u>Unemployment</u> - None worthy of mention during 1962.	

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
LIVE BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	51	31	20
Illegitimate	4	2	2
STILL BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
DEATHS OF INFANTS:			
Under 1 year of age	-	-	-
Under 4 weeks of age	-	-	-

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:-

Crude	12.5
Adjusted	11.4

Still Births:-

Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births 17.9

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Deaths	62	30	32

Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:

Crude	14.1
Adjusted	9.3

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births Nil

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births Nil

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births Nil

Death from Cancer (all ages) 11

Death from Measles (all ages) 0

Death from Whooping Cough (all ages) 0

Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) 0

	Live Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Rate of Death under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total Births.
Year, 1961	12.5	14.3	36.4	17.9
Year, 1962	12.5	14.1	Nil	Nil
Change	Nil	- 0.2	-36.4	-17.9

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Smallpox

No case was recorded in 1962.

Scarlet Fever

No case notified during the year.

Diphtheria

No case during the year.

Enteric Fever

No cases.

Whooping Cough

No cases.

Measles

There were 7 cases of measles notified.

Puerperal Pyrexia

There were 9 cases and all occurred in Birch Hill Hospital.

Erysipelas

None recorded during the year.

Tuberculosis

No case notified in 1962.

Chicken Pox and Mumps

None.

Poliomyelitis

No cases occurred during 1962.

Sonne Dysentery

2 cases occurred in 1962, both in Birch Hill Hospital.

TABLE I

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1962

	Total cases at all ages	Total cases notified										Total deaths
		Age periods - years										
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 & over	Age un-known	
Scarlet fever.....	0											0
Whooping cough.....	0											0
Acute poliomyelitis:												
Paralytic.....	0											0
Non-paralytic.....	0											0
Measles (excluding rubella)	7			2	1	2	2					0
Diphtheria.....	0											0
Dysentery (Sonne).....	2		1	1								0
Meningococcal infection...	0											0
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	0											0
		0-		5-		15-		45-		65 & over	Age un-known	
Acute pneumonia (prim. and influenzal).....	0											0
Smallpox.....	0											0
Acute encephalitis:												
Infective.....	0											0
Post-infectious.....	0											0
Enteric or typhoid fever..	0											0
Paratyphoid fever.....	0											0
Erysipelas.....	0											0
Food poisoning.....	0											0
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	0											0
Meninges & C.N.S.....	0											0
Other.....	0											0
Puerperal pyrexia.....	9					9						0
Mumps.....	0											0
Chicken Pox.....	0											0

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED in 1962 were 18 as compared with 73 in 1961. A comparative table is shown below:-

	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Chicken Pox	1	0
Measles	45	7
Whooping Cough	1	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	3	9
Dysentery (Sonne)	0	2
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	0
Mumps	22	0
	<u>73</u>	<u>18</u>

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1962:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Cancer	5	6
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	0	0
Heart Diseases	12	13
Intercranial Vascular Lesions	3	4
Diseases of Circulatory System	1	2
Pneumonia	2	3
Bronchitis	3	0
Gastritis	0	1
Diabetes	1	1
Other ill defined diseases	2	0
Accidents	0	0
Suicide	1	2
	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>

I am chiefly indebted for the information regarding un-notifiable diseases, to the returns of sickness in schools supplied to me by the Schools Attendance Officer.

I should like to express my appreciation of the efficient assistance given to me by Mr. P. Robinson and Mr. W. Oldham.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours obediently,

DONALD G. MACGILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1962.

To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF
THE WARDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

For the year 1962 I have to report as follows:-

GENERAL SURVEY.

The short length of sewer found to surcharge after the admission of trade effluent from two factories was duplicated in April, 1962 and is now sufficient. Very little trouble has occurred in the sewerage system and in all only 3 blockages occurred during the year.

River pollution, apart from the debris children delight in leaving in the streams, is very small and fish life is beginning to appear in the lower reaches of Wardle and Ashbrook.

Infectious diseases during the year were: 7 cases of measles, 2 cases of sonne dysentery and 9 of puerperal pyrexia occurred at Birch Hill, but no cases needed home disinfections

In April, 1962 controlled tipping ceased at Ashbrook Hey and disposal is at Rochdale Destructor. In 9 months 435 tons, 15½ cwt. was collected.

The reconditioning of the three slaughterhouses took longer than expected but all three were up to standard by the end of 1962.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN
WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	583	746	25	4500	527	-
Number inspected	583	746	25	4024	527	-
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	29	50	-	17	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	5%	6.7%	4%	0.4%	Nil	-
Tuberculosis only:-						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis:-						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The standard of animals slaughtered was good
and the incidence of disease was reasonable.

Shops

The shops in the area maintain a good standard of cleanliness and handling of unwrapped foods. The one bakehouse is of a high standard.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply

3% of the houses in the area, all in outlying areas, have to rely on springs for their water supply. The majority of these supplied have been piped to storage tanks and taps. The 97% remaining have a piped supply from the Rochdale mains, which is suitable and sufficient for all purposes.

Discolouration has persisted in the Ashbrook Hey Lane area.

Drainage and Sewerage

The ejector in Dyehouse Lane worked quite well during the year.

Properties still unsewered are in outlying or low lying areas and unconnected because the sewer is not available. One new sewage unit has been constructed.

Rivers and Streams

The River Roch enters this district from Littleborough and there is still pollution, although the improvement noted before is maintained. Ashbrook and Clough House Brook are very good.

Closet Accommodation

The contribution payable by the Council as an inducement to owners to convert obsolete closets to fresh water flush type is £8 for each pail closet and £4 for each waste water closet.

Smoke abatement

2 observations taken proved no statutory nuisance.

Schools

The three schools are maintained in good order.

Housing

Six bungalows were built for the Council in 1962.
One private bungalow was completed.

TABLE II

Closet Accommodation

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1930</u>
Privy Middens	26	26	55
No. of closets attached to Middens	21	21	55
No. of pail closets	52	57	156
No. of dry ashpits	3	3	9
No. of ashbins	1389	1332	473
No. of houses on water carriage system	1332 1098	1325 1091	444
No. of waste water closets	5	8	125

During the year three waste-water closets were converted to fresh water flush type.

TABLE III

Inspections, 1962.

	<u>Visits or</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Housing	51	29	21
Factories	25	0	0
Food Premises	28	0	0
Slaughterhouses	448	4	4
Bakehouses	2	0	0
Nuisances & others	147	125	107
	<u>701</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>132</u>

Slum Clearance

9 houses were demolished unvolving 32 persons.

Once again I wish to thank Mr. P. Robinson, Clerk of the Council, for his help on all matters and the staff for their ready co-operation.

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List of Acts and Sections
thereof adopted by the Wardle Urban
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Adopted 6th April, 1889.
3. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. Parts II
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from 5th October, 1911.
4. Private Street Works Act, 1892. Operative from
13th October, 1914.
5. Notification of Births Act, 1907. Operative from
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Operative from 31st January, 1927.
7. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923.
Adopted 2nd August, 1934.
8. Local Government and other Officers Superannuation
Act, 1922. Adopted 1st April, 1938.
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OBSERVATIONS AS TO THEIR ADMINISTRATION:- Good.

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Inspections, 1961

	<u>Visits or</u> <u>Inspections</u>	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Housing	84	47	20
Factories	5	0	0
Food Premises	30	0	0
Slaughterhouses	434	18	12
Bakehouses	2	0	0
Nuisances & others	211	133	123
	<u>766</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>155</u>

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Closing Orders were made under the Housing Acts on 27 houses in the district.

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